

36. (amended) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the backing layer is polyester.

37. (amended) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the release-finish is adapted to adhere to the image-receiving substrate so that separation between the image-receiving substrate and the image occurs between the release-coating and the image.

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38. (amended) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the release-finish is adapted to adhere to the image so that separation between the image-receiving substrate and the image occurs between the breakaway-coating and the image-receiving substrate.

39. (amended) The transfer sheet of claim 38 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer, image and release-finish is less than about 5 mils.

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41. (amended) The transfer sheet of claim 39 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer, image and release-finish is less than about 3 mils.

Add claims 42-61 as follows:

42. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image is comprised of ink.

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43. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 42 wherein the image is printed onto the release-finish.

44. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 43 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive is printed onto the image.

45. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive contacts the backing layer at a surface and the surface is low tack.

46. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image-receiving substrate, release-finish, image and pressure sensitive adhesive layer are mutually insoluble.

47. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image is applied directly to the release-finish.

48. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 42, wherein the image is comprised of multiple inks to create a multi-colored image.

49. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the multi-colored image is picture-quality.

50. A graphic transfer sheet consisting of:

- an image-receiving substrate having first and second sides and a release-finish on the first side;
- an image applied to the release-finish;
- a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer affixed to the image, the adhesive layer and image having a combined thickness less than about 5 mils; and
- a backing layer secured to the adhesive layer,

whereby the graphic transfer sheet is used to transfer and secure the image and adhesive layer, substrate-free, to a surface.

51. The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the adhesive is a pressure-sensitive acrylic adhesive.

52. The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer, image and release-finish is less than about 5 mils.

53. The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer, image and release-finish is less than about 3 mils.

54. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is comprised of ink.

55. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is printed onto the release-finish.

56. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive is printed onto the image.

57. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive contacts the backing layer at a surface and the surface is low tack.

58. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image-receiving substrate, release-finish, image and pressure sensitive adhesive layer are mutually insoluble.

59. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is applied directly to the release-finish.

60. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50, wherein the image is comprised of multiple inks to create a multi-colored image.

61. The graphic transfer sheet of claim 60 wherein the multi-colored image is picture-quality.
